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Applicant(s): M. KATO

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METHOD AND DISTANCE  
MEASURING APPARATUS  
USING OPTICAL PULSE

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Responsive to the Office Action mailed December 4, 2000,  
the term for response to which expires on March 4, 2001, please  
amend the above-identified application as follows (see the  
attached sheet for details of the amendment):

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please amend claims 1-8 and add new claims 9-10, as follows:

1. (Amended) A distance measuring method for measuring a  
distance to a target by measuring a time required for a beam of  
light to go to and return from the target, said method comprising  
steps of: